

Saturday, December 14, 1863 [1861].

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Erath the Senate insisted on their amendment to the 8th section of a bill for the protection of the frontier, and Messrs. Erath, Shelley, and Darden were appointed a Committee of Conference.

Mr. Harcourt, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, reported the following bills and recommended their passage:

A bill for the relief of R. A. Henson.

A bill to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors within  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles of Fort Worth.

A bill prescribing the duties of clerks of county courts in certain cases.

A bill to authorize the county courts of counties therein named to regulate the pay of sheriffs in certain cases.

A bill to reincorporate the town of San Felipe.

A bill to make valid all acts of the corporate or supposed corporate authorities of the town of San Felipe since 1st of August, 1839.

Also a bill to amend the 2nd and 4th sections of an Act to prevent judgments from becoming dormant, &c., recommending a substitute and its adoption and passage.

Mr. Parsons presented the petition of the ladies from New London in Rusk County which was referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Weatherford, Chairman of the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported the following bills and recommended their passage:

Bill for the relief of Artemicia Wilson.

Bill for the relief of F. A. Sherman.

Bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patent to Joshua Bradshaw, &c.

Bill for relief of heirs of Abner Fox.

Mr. Shelley introduced a bill to authorize the Commissioner of Claims to approve a certain bounty land warrant therein named. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Court of Claims.

A message from the House announced the passage of Senate bill to incorporate the Austin Hook and Ladder Company.

A bill for relief of N. M. Burford. Read 2nd time. Mr. Guinn moved to strike out "\$4312.50" and insert "\$437.50,"

whereupon Mr. Weatherford moved to lay the amendment on the table, which was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Boyd, Cook, Darden, Dickson, Finlay, Graham, Houston, Jordan, Mitchell, Obenchain, Parsons, Shepard, and Weatherford—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Batte, Burnett, Crawford of Fannin, Durant, Erath, Guinn, Hartley, Lea, Moore, Scarborough, Selman, Shelley, and Wheeler—[13].

Mr. Guinn then offered a substitute which was adopted, whereupon he proposed to strike out the amount named in the bill and insert "\$437.50." A division of the question being called, the motion to strike out was sustained. Mr. Dickson then moved to fill the blank with "\$2625." The yeas and nays stood thus:

YEAS — Messrs. Boyd, Cook, Darden, Erath, Finlay, Graham, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Obenchain, Parsons, Scarborough, Shepard, and Weatherford—16

NAYS—Messrs. Batte, Branch, Burnett, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Durant, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Moore, and Wheeler—11.

Mr. Harcourt offered the following amendment: "and that the State Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the Honorable R. E. B. Baylor, Judge of the 3rd Judicial District, \$750, being the difference in the increase of salary from 2nd of February, 1856, to 2nd August, 1857, so as to equalize his payment with that of Honorable N. M. Burford, Judge of 16th District." On Mr. Parsons' motion the amendment was laid on table.

Mr. Guinn offered the following amendment: "that this amount be not paid unless the Comptroller shall find it to be based on a preexisting law." On Mr. Parsons' motion the amendment was laid on the table and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Shepard moved to suspend the rule, which was lost. A bill for the endowment of professorships in colleges. Read 2nd time.

Mr. Shelley offered the following amendment: "provided further that no portion of said lands shall in any manner be sold, transferred, or hypothecated until after the expiration of five years from the passage of this Act."

Mr. Harcourt moved for an indefinite postponement, which was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Boyd, Burnett, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Durant, Graham, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Parsons, Selman, Weatherford, and Wheeler—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Batte, Branch, Cook, Darden, Dickson,

Erath, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Scarborough, Shelley, and Shepard—14.

Mr. Darden proposed to amend the amendment by adding "nor for less than one dollar per acre." Lost.

Mr. Durant offered the following amendment: "that one league of land be and is hereby donated to each county in the State. The school commissioners shall select some school in their respective counties to which the proceeds of the sale shall be applied for the purpose of carrying on the military training of the youth of the county." On Mr. Branch's motion laid on the table by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Boyd, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Darden, Erath, Finlay, Hartley, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Obenchain, Scarborough, and Shepard—[16].

NAYS—Messrs. Burnett, Crawford of Jasper, Dickson, Durant, Graham, Guinn, Harcourt, Parsons, Selman, Shelley, Weatherford, and Wheeler—12.

On motion of Mr. Darden the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

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Senate met, roll called, quorum present.

Mr. Hartley, Chairman of Committee on State Affairs, reported a bill to incorporate the Texas Powder Company and recommended its passage.

Mr. Crawford, Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a bill for relief of Honorable N. M. Burford correctly engrossed.

Mr. Hartley, Chairman of Committee on State Affairs, reported a bill to establish a more perfect system of patrol and recommended its passage.

Mr. Dickson, from a select committee on its behalf, made a report recommending the adoption and passage of a substitute for a bill to authorize certain persons to adopt a female child.

Mr. Reed, Chairman of Committee on County Boundaries, recommended the passage of a bill to repeal an Act supplemental to and amendatory of the Act creating the County of Kaufman.

Mr. Branch introduced a joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in the Confederate States Congress to procure certain modifications of the sequestration Act. Read 1st time.

Mr. Jordan introduced a joint resolution recommending to the people of Texas to curtail the planting of cotton during the existing war. Read 1st time.

A bill to amend the 1st and 11th sections of an Act to authorize the sale of the public domain. Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to repeal an Act to authorize the County Court of Nueces County to levy a special tax. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to change the names of the Counties of Cass and Buchanan. Read 2nd time. Mr. Harcourt moved to amend by changing the name of Dallas County to that of Manassas. Laid on table. The bill was then passed to a 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill allowing the laws of the Confederate States to be received in evidence. Read 2nd time. Passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to repeal an Act to provide for the sale of certain property belonging to the State now in the hands of the Adjutant General. Read 2nd time and laid on table.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution. Read 2nd time. Substitute of committee adopted and made special order for Tuesday, 17 December at 11 o'clock A. M.

A bill concerning the issuance of injunctions in certain cases. Read 2nd time and made special order for Wednesday, 11 o'clock A. M.

A bill for relief of William V. Hughes, assignee of Jonathan Bird. Read and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for relief of minor heirs of N. B. Cooper. Read 2nd time, and the report of committee adverse to its passage adopted.

A bill in regard to paying county scrip for liquor license in Cameron County. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to amend the 10th and 23rd sections of an Act to reduce into one and amend the several Acts concerning executions. Read 2nd time, amendment by committee laid on table, and bill passed to 3rd reading.

Mr. Shelley moved to strike out 2nd section. Lost.

On motion of Mr. Branch the Senate adjourned until 9½ o'clock Monday morning.